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SUBJ: AID DEVELOPMENT OFFICER IN EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTION

1. PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT TO REVIEW AID OFFICER ASSIGNMENT IN JUNE 1977 (EASUM-SCOTT MEMO JULY 20, 1976), WE HAVE CHOSEN OPTION TO CONCLUDE MORSE ASSIGNMENT AT END OF FIRST YEAR. MORSE HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BLK OF REMAINING PHASE-OUT OF BILATERAL CONCESSIONAL PROGRAM AND SHOULD IN MY VIEW NOW BE CONSIDERED FOR HIGHER-LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES AT A MAJOR AID MISSION OR IN AID/W. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE PROPOSE MORSE DEPART IN PERIOD LATE JULY TO EARLY AUGUST WITH PRECISE TIMING DEPENDENT ON REQUIREMENTS OF REMAINING PHASE-OUT ACTIONS ON WHICH MORSE AND TEINSEL MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS MORSE REPLACEMENT BY FSR OR FSO AT 5 OR 4 LEVEL. ASSISTANT GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FROM AID PREFERRED. IF AID OFFICER NOT AVAILABLE, WE WOULD ACCEPT FSO WITH EQUIVALENT CAPABILITIES AND PROVIDED HE RECEIVE THOROUGH ORIENTATION BY AID BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR LAGOS. HE WOULD ASSIST ECON AND USIS/CAO IN IMPLEMENTATION OF USG RESPONSE TO NIGERIAN MIDDLE-LEVEL MANPOWER NEEDS AND WOULD BE ADVISOR TO EMBASSY'S ECON CONSELOR AND ECON OFFICERS ON AID RESOURCES TO BE TAPPED BY FMG FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES. IN ADDITON, HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF SERVERAL KEY SECTORS OF NIGERIAN ECONOMY AS DESIGNATED BY EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP VIEWS OF DEPT/AID ON AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENT WITH THESE QUALIFICATIONS. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE MORSE REASSIGNMENT OPTIONS.

3. WE ARE PREPARING A PAPER WHICH DETAILS THE MANAGEMENT RESPON-

SIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE ON RESIDUAL AID ACTIVITIES. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS SEVERAL REMAINING ELEMENTS ARE ANALYZED. THESE INCLUDE THE PROBABLE NEED FOR TDY ASSISTANCE ON REDESIGNING IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR THE BLOCK GRANT AND FAMILY HEALTH PROJECTS.

4. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORSE DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND PASSPORT AND REQUEST THAT SIMILAR EFFORT BE MADE IN EVENT OF AID OFFICER REPLACEMENT.
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